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Comment Period
Hanford Site Air Operating Permit
Fee Recovery Changes
June 11 through July 13, 2007

Public Hearing
July 12, 2007
5 p.m.
Nuclear Waste Program
3100 Port of Benton Blvd.
Richland, WA 99354

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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on proposed changes to Hanford's Air Operating Permit (AOP). The changes are to clarify fee recovery practices for permitting and oversight under the AOP. The AOP regulates air emissions on the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site. The mission there is to clean up wastes resulting from more than 30 years of plutonium production for the nation's nuclear weapons program. The comment period will run from June 11 through July 13, 2007

The permittee is the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection, PO Box 550, Richland, WA 99352.

What are the changes?

The new provisions in the AOP will clarify that the Department of Health will recover non-air operating permit costs under their authority in Washington Administrative Code chapter 246-254. These changes would be on page 12 of the Standard Terms and Conditions section, and on pages 17 and 50 of Attachment 2.

How can I review the draft permit?

During the comment period, the draft permit is available for public review Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at the Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program Library, 3100 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99354. To make an appointment to review the documents call 509-372-7920. You can also review the draft permit online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm> or at one of the information repositories listed below.

Portland

Portland State University
Branford Price Millar Library

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1875 SW Park Avenue
Attn: Don Frank 503-725-4132

Richland

U.S. Dept. of Energy Reading Room
Consolidated Information Center, Room 101-L
2770 University Dr.
Attn: Janice Parthree 509-372-7443

Seattle

University of Washington Suzzallo Library
Government Publications Division
Attn: Eleanor Chase 206-543-4664

Spokane

Gonzaga University
Foley Center
E. 502 Boone
Attn: Linda Pierce 509-323-6110

How do I make a comment?

Contact Doug Hendrickson to make a comment or to receive more information. Please submit all comments in writing.

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Richland, WA 99354
509-372-7971 fax

All comments received during the public comment period will be considered and responded to when Ecology issues the final permit decision on whether to approve modification of the permit.

Attend the public hearing

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Nuclear Waste Program office, 3100 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99354.

Ecology will give a presentation and be available to answer questions. Members of the public can submit official verbal and written comments.

Please contact Madeleine Brown at 509-372-7936 for more information.